

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 2011 TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES

Sponsored by Hon. Davidmatic Ombugadu

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1. The Freedom of Information Act, 2011 (herein after called “the
2 Principal Act”) is amended as set out below: Amendment of
Freedom of
Information
- 3 2. Section 2(5) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the Amendment of
Section 2(5)
4 word “update” with the word “review”, and “review” with the word
5 “update”.
- 6 3. Section 2(6) of the Principal Act is amended by striking out the Striking out
section 2(6)
7 subsection for being repetitive of section 1(3) of the Principal Act.
- 8 4. Section 2(7) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the Amendment of
Section 2(7)
9 word “Public” in line 2 before the word “Corporations”.
- 10 5. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by striking out the Amendment of
Section 6
11 semi column in section 6(a) and insert after the words, “Public Institution”
12 in line 2 the following; or consultation are necessary to comply with the
13 application that cannot reasonably be completed within the original time
14 limit”.
- 15 And introduce section 6(b) thus:
- 16 “b” the Public Institution must give notice of the extension stating whether
17 the extension falls under the circumstance set out in this Section, which
18 notice shall contain a statement that the application has a right to have the
19 decision to extend the limit reviewed by the Court.

Amendment of Section 31	1	6. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by striking out the
	2	words “and information” appearing under the meaning of “information”
	3	thereat.
Short title	4	7. This Bill may be cited as the Freedom of Information Act
	5	(Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This does not form part of the Bill but is intended to explain the intent of
the amendment)*

This Bill seeks to amend the Freedom of Information Act, 2011 in order to strengthen the contents and context of the Act for a complete understanding of same.